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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES OVERSEAS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

1. SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT FRANCE ALBERT RENE HAS INFORMED CHARGE OF GOS INTENTION TO ACCREDIT BERNARD LOUSTEAU-LALANNE AS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO U.S., CANADA AND U.N. LOUSTEAU-LALANNE, WHO IS PRESENTLY ATTORNEY GENERAL, WOULD BE RESIDENT SEYCHELLES HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON. GOS HAS REQUESTED AGREEMENT FROM U.K. CURRENT SEYCHELLES HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, RALPH ADAM, WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO PARIS AND WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EEC AND ALL OF CONTINENTAL EUROPE. RENE HOPES THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT BY AUGUST.

2. RENE SAID HE HOPES TO HAVE FIRST SECRETARY PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO 1978 UNGA SESSION. ACCORDING RENE, OVER NEXT 3-4 YEARS SEYCHELLES PLANS TO HAVE AMBASSADOR TO U.S. (RESIDENT IN NEW YORK) AND ALSO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY

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"SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA", PROBABLY AT HEADQUARTERS OF OAU.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA: LOUSTEAU-LALANNE, ABOUT 40, IS A SEYCHELLOIS GRAND BLANC (I.E. OF EUROPEAN BACKGROUND) WHO HAS SERVED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL SINCE SHORTLY AFTER JUNE 29, 1976 INDEPENDENCE WHEN EXPATRIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL OBRIEN-QUINN BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE. (OBRIEN-QUINN WAS DEPORTED ON JUNE 5, 1977 ALONG WITH BRITISH

POLICE ADVISORS IN WAKE OF COUP D'ETAT.) LOUSTEAU-LALANNE, WHO IS ALSO SEYCHELLES LEADING EXPERT ON LAW OF THE SEA QUESTIONS, HAS REMAINED GENERALLY ALOOF FROM SEYCHELLES TURBULENT POLITICAL SCENE. HIS OUTLOOK IS COSMOPOLITAN, MODERATE AND PRO-WEST. HIS FATHER, A RETIRED CAREER CIVIL SERVANT, SERVED FOR FOUR YEARS AS SPEAKER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN COLONIAL PERIOD AND POST-INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNTIL ITS DISSOLUTION LAST YEAR. AS A YOUNG MAN, LOUSTEAU-LALANNE WAS A POLICEMAN IN NORTHERN RHODESIA PRIOR TO ZAMBIAN INDEPENDENCE. HE RECEIVED HIS LEGAL TRAINING IN U.K. AND QUALIFIED AS A BARRISTER. LOUSTEAU-LALANNE AND HIS BRITISH WIFE, DEBBY, HAVE ONE CHILD. (BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ADAM CONTAINED VICTORIA 434 NOTAL.)
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